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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
JOUJI NAKAYAMA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/JP04/09848)  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: SYSTEM MANAGEMENT :  
METHOD, SYSTEM  
MANAGEMENT DEVICE, SYSTEM  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM CONTAINING  
SYSTEM MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.